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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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THE FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN AT THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL

Dear Editor: We of the class of '21, when detailed to engineer the Liberty Loan for the hospital, feared at first, because of the many deterrent factors, the most formidable being the influenza epidemic, that we might not reach the \$25,000 goal we had set, spurred on by the fact that the class above us had raised over \$23,000 on the Third Loan. Assured, however, of the hearty support of the officers of the School of Nursing, we set to work with a will and in an incredibly short space of time found that we were making rapid strides toward our goal. A Liberty Loan rally was planned, and the vivid recital of experiences overseas by Miss Maxwell and Madeline Jaffray, the first nurse to return to this country wearing the Croix de Guerre, resulted in our garnering a goodly harvest. At a Liberty Loan meeting of our class, a class bond for \$100 was bought and this, with another bond for the same amount to which the whole school subscribed, was presented to the Alumnae for the Pension Fund. \$24,450 was our total the night before the closing day of the drive, but we were confident of reaching our goal, for the morning would bring that magic day,—pay day. And, truly, it proved all of that. Our scouts assiduously shadowed the paymaster, and rich were the findings of those who camped on his trail, for with a last mighty impetus they sent our drive hurtling over the top. We could scarcely believe it when we saw the Presbyterian Hospital total; it fairly danced before our eyes,—\$32,100!

New York

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President of the Class of '21.

LETTERS FROM NURSES IN SERVICE

Dear Editor: When we arrived, last November, we were the first American hospital to come to this place, consequently we had some hardships which will not probably be experienced by nurses coming over in the future. Strictly speaking we cannot say that we really suffered. The worst feature was the lack of heat in our houses and hospitals. We were cold, as this is a place ideal in summer, but in no way prepared for winter residents except for the few inhabitants who live here all the year. Five big summer hotels were assigned to us for our hospitals, these being entirely separate and scattered over an area of about five city blocks. Three of these had been used as hospitals by the French, who made a hurried departure on our arrival. Our nurses were given quarters in two villas and one hotel. The latter place was rather uncomfortable at first as it took about six weeks to get the proprietor to leave. We were greatly pleased when the Government took over the place and discontinued the bar-room, which Madame had been conducting. Up to this time we had been messing with the French, but now the quartermaster's supplies were coming in, so we established our own meals with white bread and plenty of good nourishing food which so far has not been lacking. We have always employed French women in our mess, a nurse being in charge, as we have no dietitian in this unit. Our food has been good, quite as good as we have at home, with many extra delicacies at times. The variety of meat has not been great, but as most of us care less for meat